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- 25X1 1. Since 21 July 1952, express train [] operating between Magdeburg and Berlin
Ostbahnhof has run via Wildpark, Caputh, Seddin, Michendorf, Grossbeeren and
Gruenau instead of via Potsdam and the Western Sector of Berlin. 25X1
2. In early August, []
the Soviet leave train previously operating between Frankfurt/Oder and Erfurt
via Cottbus and Ruhland had been rerouted during the preceding weeks to the
Frankfurt/Oder-Grunow-Reeskow-Koenigswusterhausen-Zossen-Dohrslug-Kirchhain line.
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3. Effective 1 August 1952, 167 employees of the Erfurt regional railroad head-
quarters were dismissed. (2)
- 25X1 4. In early August, [] 25X1
[] all flatcars in adequate operating condition were to be
dispatched to Justerbog Altes Lager. Only flatcars in poor operating condition
may be used for commercial shipments within East Germany. (3)
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the operating condition of all flatcars in the Berlin railroad area, suitable
for transporting vehicles, was to be checked. All flatcars in adequate operating
condition were to be sent to Justerbog Altes Lager without delay. (3)
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[], 20 gondola cars were to be dispatched daily to Poland for coal
imports. The operation was to last until 31 August. (4)
- 25X1 7. Directives for the handling of railroad transportation problems connected with the
25X1 rally of Young Pioneers to be held in Dresden from 18 through 24 August 1952 and
the conference of Young Partisans for Peace to be held in Halle on 17 and 18
August [] at the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin. The
directives, [] contained detailed orders on the handling of
the special trains operating in connection with these conferences and related
security measures. The directives were classified as strictly confidential. It
was expressly stated that all information connected with this transportation

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program was to be burnt after the operation was completed. (5)

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[redacted] comments.

- (1) The Soviet leave train mentioned was probably rerouted because the Hq GOFB moved to the Zossen-Buensdorf area. The new route chosen for this train makes it possible that it will be used by members of this headquarters.
- (2) This discharge of railroad personnel was caused by the new economy program decreed for the East German railroads. [redacted]
- (3) It is believed that most of these flatcars will be needed for the vehicle replacement program which is still in progress. However, a large number of flatcars will also be needed for the transportation of artillery pieces for the Volkspolizei. [redacted]
- (4) These gondola cars were to haul Polish coal to East Germany. There is no shortage of gondola cars in East Germany.
- (5) The conferences were known from press reports. The trains to be run in connection with these rallies represent an additional strain on the East German railroad system. However, the execution of this program simultaneously with the scheduled passenger and freight traffic is valuable training for the handling of large transportation operations on short notice. The security measures taken by the East German railroad authorities in connection with this operations are remarkable.

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